

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete the paragraph on page 21, lines 6-14 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Two distinct small interfering RNA (siRNA) oligonucleotides duplexes (hGST and hGST*,) which specifically targeted the sequences 5'-AACTTGAAGCTGCCGTGGATT-3' (SEQ ID NO: [[2]] 3) and 5'-AAGCACGTGGAGGCCGTGGCTTA-3' (SEQ ID NO: [[3]] 4) within *hsgt* were supplied by Xeragon Inc.. By BLAST analysis, the sequences of these siRNA oligonucleotides were not detected in any other human gene. As negative control, the previously described *gl2*-specific siRNA was used. Transfection was performed using the oligofectamineTM Reagent (Invitrogen) following the instruction of the supplier, and silencing efficiency was determined by evaluating the residual amount of hSGT after immunoblotting.